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| IN RE APPLICATION OF | : |
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| SERIAL NO: 10/686,705 | : |
| FILED: OCTOBER 17, 2003 | : GROUP ART UNIT: 3626 |
| FOR: MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT APPARATUS WHICH PREDICTS FUTURE STATUS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT | : |

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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SIR:

Now comes Yuuji Sawanaga, Yoichi Takada, and Satoshi Ikeda who depose and state that:

1. We are the three co-inventors of the invention disclosed in the above-identified application.
2. We declare that at the time of the present invention the statement on page 2, lines 8-11 of the specification of the above-identified application, which states "Still further, it is also known, in a general maintenance field, that a future expectancy is predicted based on measured values and an advance response is performed according to a comparison between the future expectancy and a predetermined reference value" was made based on our knowledge and knowledge within our company in Japan.
3. To our knowledge, the above-statement did not refer to information that was known or used by others in the United States at the time of the invention or information

contained in a publication in the United States, Japan, or another foreign country published at the time of the invention.

4. We declare further that all statements made of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

5. Further Declarants saith not.

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May 22, 2008
Date

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